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Subject: Tribal Housing Capacity Building Key Informant Interview (KII) Summary

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Summary

The California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) team seeks Council review of the Tribal Housing Capacity Building Key Informant Interview Summary attachment.

Background

About the Tribal Housing Capacity Building Initiatives

During the April 2025 Council Meeting, SGC approved up to \$30 million in expenditures to support technical assistance and capacity building activities for Tribal entities interested in accessing state funds for affordable housing and related projects. SGC's broad goals of the program are to cover three categories of technical assistance: Tribal Capacity Building, Housing Project Development, and Pre-Development Infrastructure.

Background on the Key Informant Interview Process

To inform the development of the Tribal Housing Capacity Building Initiatives, staff held 10 Key Informant Interviews (KII) with Tribal housing advocates, technical assistance providers, and state agency representatives during the summer of 2025. These discussions have identified systemic barriers and challenges that California Tribal communities face in accessing state housing resources, along with practical solutions and successful models for improving Tribal housing outcomes.

Next Steps

Upon Council review of the Tribal Housing Capacity Building Key Informant Interview Summary, the SGC team will begin updating and drafting guidelines and identifying program priorities for the Tribal Housing Capacity Building Initiatives with Round 2 of the Tribal Capacity Building Program and a first round of the new Tribal Housing Pre-Development Program. In the winter of 2025/2026, the team will conduct outreach, attend Tribal specific conferences and convenings, and request formal Tribal consultation regarding the programs. Once the consultation process is complete, the team plans to release both a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Capacity Building and Technical Assistance providers and a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Tribal applicants to access the funds. These releases will likely take place in the spring of 2026.

Attachments

Attachment A: Summary of Feedback: Tribal Housing Capacity Building Key Informant Interview